COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, *the* *2nd of August 1929.* / *18th of Karkadagam 1104.*

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, E. Ikkanda Warriar and S. S. Koder were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Petitions of the late salt contractor.

121. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state if orders have been passed on the petitions of the late salt contractor, Mr. Arunachalam Chettiar, referred to in question No. 11 of the Special Session of 1104; if so, what are the orders?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—Yes. The petitions were recorded.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There were four petitions requesting to compensate his losses. The first petition to compensate his losses was in 1097, the next petition was in 1098 and the other two in 1100. The answer given is that these petitions are recorded. Is this only a disposal for statistical purposes and is it the final disposal?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—It is the final disposal.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was the request granted or refused?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—Refused. Recorded means the request will not be granted.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What was the cause of this long delay—nearly four years—to pass this order?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—There may be several causes for that. If you want the several causes, I want notice.

Publication of the price of paddy in the Gazette.

122. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have read the article published in the 'Kudiyan Patrika,' dated 23rd Meenam 1104, pointing out the necessity for publishing in the Government Gazette the market rates of paddy;

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(b) were such rates ever used to be published in the Gazette; and if so, what is the reason for giving it up and when was it given up?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) 1. Yes. 2. The publication was stopped as it was found to be of no use whatever. 3. In 1097.

Chelakkara-Venganellur Road.

123. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether the Chelakkara Panchayat has from time to time brought to the notice of the Government the absolute necessity of a road from Chelakkara to Venganellur?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—May I know when this work will be taken up?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I cannot make any promise now.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—This year a bridge has been sanctioned. The road referred to is only a mile—not even a mile—and no great amount will be necessary for the same.

Poor Fund.

124. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

I (1) whether sanction has been given to the Civil Surgeon, Trichur, to raise a Poor Fund;

(2) if the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, whether he is the only Civil Surgeon in the State who is given permission to collect money in the name of the poor and if so, why is this privilege not extended to others;

(3) what are the methods resorted to by the Civil Surgeon to make money for the Poor Fund;

(4) when was the Poor Fund started and since then whether the Head of the Department received any complaint in this matter and if so, how was the complaint disposed of;

(5) what is the total amount collected towards the Poor Fund during the years 1101, 1102, 1103 and 1104, up-to-date;

(6) who is responsible for the proper utilisation of the Poor Fund;

(7) has the Civil Surgeon purchased operation tables and instruments to test eyes, etc., from money taken out of the Poor Fund;

(8) has the Civil Surgeon to get the previous sanction of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to take money out of the Poor Fund and use it for any purpose; if so, has there been any instance, when the Civil Surgeon utilised the money of the Poor Fund without obtaining sanction previously;

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